

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 7th July 2024
6th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young
Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson & Geraldine Taylor

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and preach at our
10am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 15 All my hope on God is founded
- 52 Be still and know that I am God
- 252 Inspired by love and anger
- 561 Will your anchor hold

Prayer for the week

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that
we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thoughts for the week:

“Heaven and earth, the Celtic saying goes, are only three feet apart, but in thin places that distance is even shorter. They are places that make us feel something larger than ourselves, as though we are held in a place between worlds, beyond experience.”
Kerri ní Dochartaigh

“So what exactly makes a place thin? It’s easier to say what a thin place is not. A thin place is not necessarily a tranquil place, or a fun one, or even a beautiful one, though it may be all of those things too. Disney World is not a thin place. Nor is Cancún. Thin places relax us, yes, but they also transform us — or, more accurately, unmask us. In thin places, we become our more essential selves.”
Eric Weiner

“Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again.” *C S Lewis*



The Juno Duo
Cabaret and Cream Tea
Today at 2.30pm
at Christ Church
Tickets: £10.00



Sunday 7th July at
4.00pm: A fun event
with Bible stories and
activities for children
up to 6 years, their siblings and
parents/carers. Topic: “Joseph”.

The first reading is from Exodus 3: 1-6 (CEV).

God Speaks to Moses

One day, Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, and Moses decided to lead them across the desert to Sinai, the holy mountain. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him from a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. "This is strange!" he said to himself. "I'll go over and see why the bush isn't burning up."

When the Lord saw Moses coming near, he called him by name from the bush, and Moses answered, "Here I am."

God replied, "Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals—the ground where you are standing is holy. I am the God who was worshiped by your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Moses was afraid to look at God, and so he hid his face.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Many thanks to Vicki, Ian Carr, Peter Roach, our new Rose Queen, Amy, and all who helped to make our Summer Fair such a success. The weather may not have been especially warm, but the welcome certainly was! And over £3000 was raised for IncuBabies and Christ Church Community Centre – a great effort!

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 8th July



9.00am Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

Tuesday 9th July



1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

10.30am Vestry Group (Classy Cleaners)

10.30am Happy Reading Group



10.30am Welsh Café



Wednesday 10th July

9.30am Baby Group

10.30am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



1.30pm Garden Gang

1.30pm Oasis Well Being Support Group



3.30pm Lego Church



Thursday 11th July

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

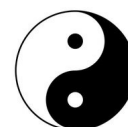


2.00pm Bereavement Journey



Friday 12th July

10.30am Tai Chi



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 6: 1-13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIVUK)

A prophet without honour

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him.

Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.’ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Jesus sends out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: ‘Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.’

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Our Oasis wellbeing group is meeting this **Wednesday at 1.30pm** and it will be Jill Wright’s last session leading the group. Jill started Oasis with our former Reader, Ted Jones, over 14 years ago and has been an ever-present source of support to many. Thank you, Jill, for this wonderful ministry.

We are having a Car boot sale in the Community Centre car park on **Saturday 13th July at 12 noon**. We are full now for cars in the parking spaces but if anybody would like a table please speak to Sarah Loach. Please come and grab some bargains and have a hot drink and slice of cake.



The next monthly New Testament study will be on **Monday 15th July at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room when Revd. Mike will be leading the session on Paul’s letter to the Galatians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians.



Big Band at the Legion - Wednesday 17th July at 8pm

A contingent from Christ Church will again be attending the weekly Jazz night at our local club on Teehey Lane. Please do join us if you can - it really is one of Higher Bebington's hidden treasures.

Weather permitting(!), we are hoping to be able to have some outdoor services on

Sunday 14th July - Outdoor Family Service, followed by Parish Picnic!

Hot dogs and drinks will be available, but please bring along your own picnic items as well.



Sunday 21st July - Outdoor Pet Service!

All (friendly!) household pets are very welcome to join us as we give thanks for God's gift of life and celebrate all creation! Special blessing for the pets and all are encouraged to join in with the hymns.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 21st September Rose Queen Fundraiser—Bingo!
- Saturday 28th September Harvest Supper
- Friday 25th October Rose Queen Fundraiser—Murder Mystery Night
- Saturday 9th November Come & Sing Messiah with Professor Ian Tracey!

Forthcoming Funeral:

Thursday 11th July 12 noon Francis (Frank) McCall Landican Centre

Anniversaries: Doreen Jones, Cath Williams, Dorothy Johnson, David Booth, Sharon Williams, Joseph Spoons, Mary Elizabeth Garland, Roy Spencer.

Prayer List: Chris, Alan & Katie Abbott, Duncan Allender, Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Dave Price, Joan Price, Rita Quine, Jenny Russell, John Russell, Kate Sharp, Jan Shorrocks, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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